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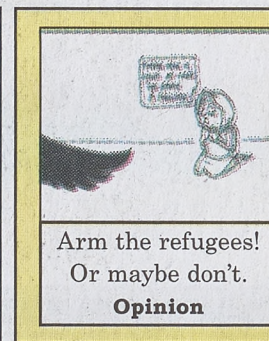
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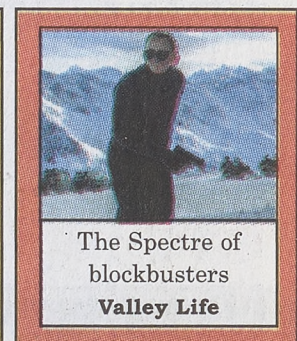
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## VALLEY LIFELINE

### It's all about the money, money, money

■ Scholarships are just waiting to be awarded.

By JAZMINE SANCHEZ  
STAFF WRITER

Being a student is all about preparing for the future, especially for those interested in earning scholarships. Although Monarchs can't apply for anything at the Los Angeles Valley College Foundation this semester, they can do the work to get scholarships elsewhere.

The foundation, just north of the Emergency Services Building, is the place students should visit if they are looking for scholarship money. According to foundation officials, they offer "around 30 scholarships" for different types of students.

The process is simple: Students are encouraged to head to the foundation office in January and fill out a generic application, provide information such as major, number of units earned or in process of completing, and GPA. After they have given those details, they are matched up with specific scholarship applications.

Foundation officials encourage students to drop by the office every semester to see what new scholarships are available or check online with major companies such as Coca-Cola or organizations such as the College Board and FAFSA. The foundation warns to be careful when applying for applications, and to "never to give out personal information unless it's a legitimate source."

Here are some scholarships available to Monarchs.

**Courage to Grow Scholarship** Students with a 2.5 GPA or higher are eligible to apply. An essay of 200 words or less has to be submitted as to why one believes they should be awarded the scholarship. The amount is \$500 and the deadline to apply is Sept. 30. The website for this scholarship is [collegestogrowscholarship.com](http://collegestogrowscholarship.com)

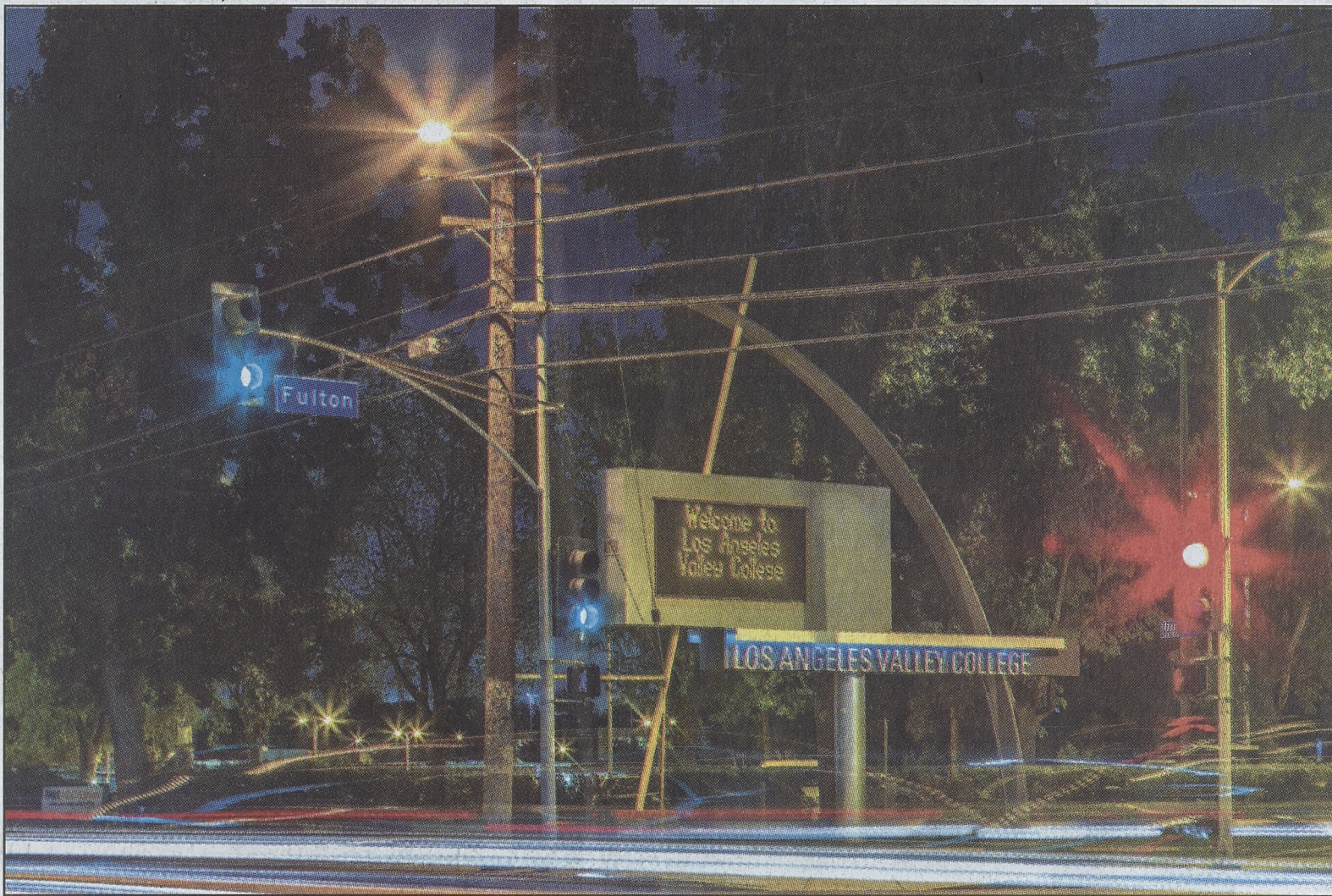
**No Essay Scholarship** Eligible to all students and also to those enrolling within the next 12 months. The amount is \$2,000 and the deadline is Sept. 30. The website for this scholarship is [colleges.niche.com](http://colleges.niche.com)

**The College Board** The website offers a page in which you will fill out a survey where it then leads you to scholarships, other financial aid and internships from more than 2,200 programs based on your answers. The website is [bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search).

### Late-start classes

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## RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT



SLOW DOWN, YOU MOVE TOO FAST - The fall semester has begun at Valley College - Monarchs are just getting up to speed.

ALVIN CUADRA / PHOTO EDITOR

## ELECTION 2016 - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### Donkeys and money policy

■ Think all the Democratic presidential candidates' economic plans are the same? Think again.

By KIMIYA MANOOCHHEHRI  
STAFF WRITER

Despite their current major-party affiliations, at least two of the Democratic candidates for president hold third-party fiscal views.

All five (Gov. Lincoln Chafee, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Gov. Martin O'Malley, Sen. Bernie Sanders, Sen. Jim Webb), strongly favor such Democratic staples as investing in stimulus over waiting for a market-led economic recovery, and higher taxes for the wealthy. They also support the Affordable Care Act, though to varying degrees. Clinton, Chafee and Webb believe it could use fine-tuning, while Sanders and O'Malley intend on moving the program closer to single- or all-payer, respectively. On the issues of free trade, social security, and the allocation of funds toward infrastructure spending, the candidates' approaches vary more drastically.



Gov. Lincoln Chafee  
[chafee.senate.gov](http://chafee.senate.gov)

Chafee was first elected to the Senate as a Republican, and then to the governorship of Rhode Island as an Independent. He's now identified as a Democrat, and positions himself as an economic populist, alongside Sen. Elizabeth Warren and co-candidate Sanders. Economic populists aspire to distribute wealth, as opposed to letting it concentrate amongst the wealthy, via means such as bank regulation, mak-

ing housing more affordable for middle- and lower-class families, reducing student debt, and reconfiguring the existing tax code to ensure that loopholes for the wealthy are minimized. Chafee does, however, support some distinctly GOP-championed policies that are not considered populist, including the privatization of social security, and free trade. He is also the sole Democratic candidate to favor school vouchers.



Sen. Jim Webb  
[webb.senate.gov](http://webb.senate.gov)

Webb supports putting Americans to work rebuilding national infrastructure, and states on his website that he intends to "...reconfigure the tax code so that the taxes fall in a fair way." However, Webb's approach to a "fair" tax code made him one of only five Democrats to oppose President Obama's plan to raise taxes on the wealthy in 2012. While he opposes raising taxes on the wealthy, he has also spoken out against raising taxes on ordinary earned incomes as well. He is currently campaigning with the intention of cutting taxes on corporations, and increasing the capital gains and dividends tax rate.



Gov. Martin O'Malley  
[flicker.com](http://flicker.com)

While O'Malley was governor, Maryland was one of 18 states declining to join the Affordable

## Campus food still a limited menu

■ The new cafeteria is scheduled to open in spring.

By MELINDA HENRICKS  
STAFF WRITER

As the fall term begins, Valley College students face their fourth semester without a cafeteria and only one food truck to service 18,000 students.

Valley closed its cafeteria in 2014 because it was outdated and bond money was allocated to complete an updated structure. Administration stated the new cafeteria will open Spring 2016.

For now, students are limited to one food truck and eight vending locations for snacks and drinks.

Last year, Valley was home to the Falafelicious food truck, giving students two truck options, but Falafelicious decided not to renew its contract this year.

"They felt they were not making enough money to sustain their business with Valley College," said Raul Gonzalez, vice president of administrative ser-

vices.

Students now choose among the All Service Catering food truck, vending machines and nearby fast-food restaurants.

Jesus Angulo ("Chuy") operates the ASC food truck. His menu starts at \$1.50 for a taco, \$3.00 for a hamburger, and the most expensive item is a six-piece chicken strip meal for \$6.50.

And he will make breakfast all day.

Angulo's food truck is parked in front of Campus Center from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and open for a short time on Fridays. Gonzalez said he does offer fresh vegetables and salads, but they are not the hot items.

"These are not the items that sell," he said, touting the cheeseburgers and chicken strip meals, which sometimes run out.

First Class Vending operates and maintains the machines on campus. The machines are stocked

with chips, drinks, coffee, sandwiches, burritos, pizzas, cookies, and candy.

There are breakfast items such as cereal, burritos, and danishes. Julio Sanchez of First Class Vending said when students see him, they sometimes request healthier snacks but said, "Those items don't sell as well."

He pulls the healthier foods from the machines because they regularly pass their freshness date.

Students can also cross the street to try Subway, Sharky's, Grandma's Thai, and Fresh Mongolian BBQ.

Administrators said they are now taking bids for vendor space in the new cafeteria, which is just north of the bookstore, and is scheduled to open in the spring.

Robert Tellez of Build-LACCD assures that, despite leaking through the unsealed roof during recent rains, the cafeteria is expected to open on time.



KEEP ON TRUCKIN' - The lone food truck holds down the food fort for Monarchs until next semester.

YOHANA DE LEON / VALLEY STAR



## VETERANS

## Debts that can't be repaid ... and debts that can

■ They went and fought for our lives. They shouldn't come home and have to fight for theirs.

By MELINDA HENRICKS  
STAFF WRITER



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MAYA KAY AND ALVIN CUADRA / VALLEY STAR  
PROMISES TO KEEP - You don't have to approve of a war to acknowledge our debt to our veterans.

With an onslaught of veterans returning home with disorders such as drug and alcohol abuse, PTSD, TBI (traumatic brain injury), and clinical depression, something needs to be done to protect our veterans here at home.

Statistics show our veterans are suffering from many illnesses and need their government more than ever.

Statistics compiled by the Congressional Research Service in conjunction with the Rand Corporation and released in Sept. 2014, indicate the following: out of 8.2 million veterans, 2.7 million have PTSD, 39 percent suffer from alcohol abuse, 3 percent from drug abuse, 19 percent from depression, and suicide rates are 5,000 to 8,000 per year. Sadly, 50 percent of these veterans don't seek treatment.

California tried to help its veterans when it passed the Veteran's Bond Act in 2000. The \$120-million bond, matched by Veterans Affairs for a total of \$240 million, was designated to build four state-of-the-art

veterans' residential facilities to house approximately 400 patients each.

Former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger broke ground on the project, but something went wrong. Since the groundbreaking, only one facility has been built. It is half empty and does not have a kitchen.

This has halted plans for completing the project and now has turned litigious. No other homes have been built and a lawsuit ensued. City Council members from Henry Waxman to Ted Lieu are in disbelief. Mayor Eric Garcetti demanded answers.

During this time, some educational institutions are leasing the property for sports activities, which may be a violation of the use contract.

Part of the property is currently being leased by UCLA as a practice field. Brentwood school has used some of the land for basketball and baseball practice. This seems to have raised community ire as the land was donated by a family and is in a trust for sole use by veterans.

The time for finger pointing is over: it's time

to move forward, what is gone is gone. We are talking about 387 acres of available space on which to build four residential facilities. Yet no buildings have been built, or property destroyed, so let's get on with the original intention and get some housing and proper facilities for our guys!

The next order of the day should be an answer to this question: Who is minding the store? Is anyone in charge of this project?

We need to provide for the men and women that have served us so well! This center in Westwood was once a well-developed community that was self-contained and served the purpose that the donating family intended.

Let us be "good shepherds" unto our wounded and bring them home to a place where they can heal and become members of a society that embraces them! We need proper infrastructure that reflects their needs. There must be rehabilitation for alcohol and drugs as well as psychological services for PTSD, TBI and depression. And yes, at the very least, there must be a kitchen.

## THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

## You don't have to live like a refugee

■ Instead of bandaging the victims, why not cure the disease?

By ZACHARY SIERRA  
STAFF WRITER

Forget the Age of Aquarius, we have stumbled into the Age of the Refugee.

In the UNHCR's (the UN's refugee agency) Global Trends Report for 2014 it was stated that worldwide displacement was at an all time high, higher even than during WWII. By the end of 2014, the global number of displaced people reached nearly 60 million. With the additional refugees added by the events in Syria, this number has undoubtedly been surpassed. During 2014 an average of 42,500 people a day became refugees, internally displaced, or asylum seekers. This rendered an incredible 1 in 122 people on earth displaced in one way or another. 51 percent of these displaced people are children according to the UNHCR.

UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Antonio Guterres, was quoted speaking about this phenomenon, "We are witnessing a paradigm change, an unchecked slide into an era in which the scale of global forced displacement as well as the response required is now clearly dwarfing anything seen before."

This is perhaps no more prevalent than in the war torn country of Syria, where over 50 percent of the population is displaced in some way or another. The violent conflict between ISIS, Syrian Rebels, and the Syrian Regime has cost an estimated 220,000 people their lives, and forced nearly 12 million people to seek alternatives to their perilous situation.

For over 4 million peo-

ple that alternative has been seeking refuge throughout the Middle East, as well as in numerous countries within Europe and Asia. These countries offer a bastion of safety and security. A place to mend wounds, fill bellies, and move on with life.

But what if the kindness of strangers comes at a hefty cost?

An article submitted to the World Psychiatric Association by Dinesh Bhugra and Matthew A. Baker in 2005 discusses the psychological impact of radical immigration. One such impact is the concept of cultural bereavement.

M. Eisenbruch of the university of Melbourne defined cultural bereavement as "the experience of the uprooted person ... resulting from loss of social structures, cultural values and self-identity: the person continues to live in the past ... suffers feelings of guilt over abandoning culture and homeland, feels pain if memories of the past begin to fade, but finds constant images of the past (including traumatic images) intruding into daily life, yearns to complete obligations to the dead, and feels stricken by anxieties, morbid thoughts, and anger that mar the ability to get on with daily life."

Bhugra and Baker's posit that maintaining connections to culture can assist in alleviating many of the unpleasant characteristics of this grieving period, however this may prove impossible for Syrians. ISIS has been on a tour of destruction for years, destroying numerous temples and ruins of historical significance as readily as they

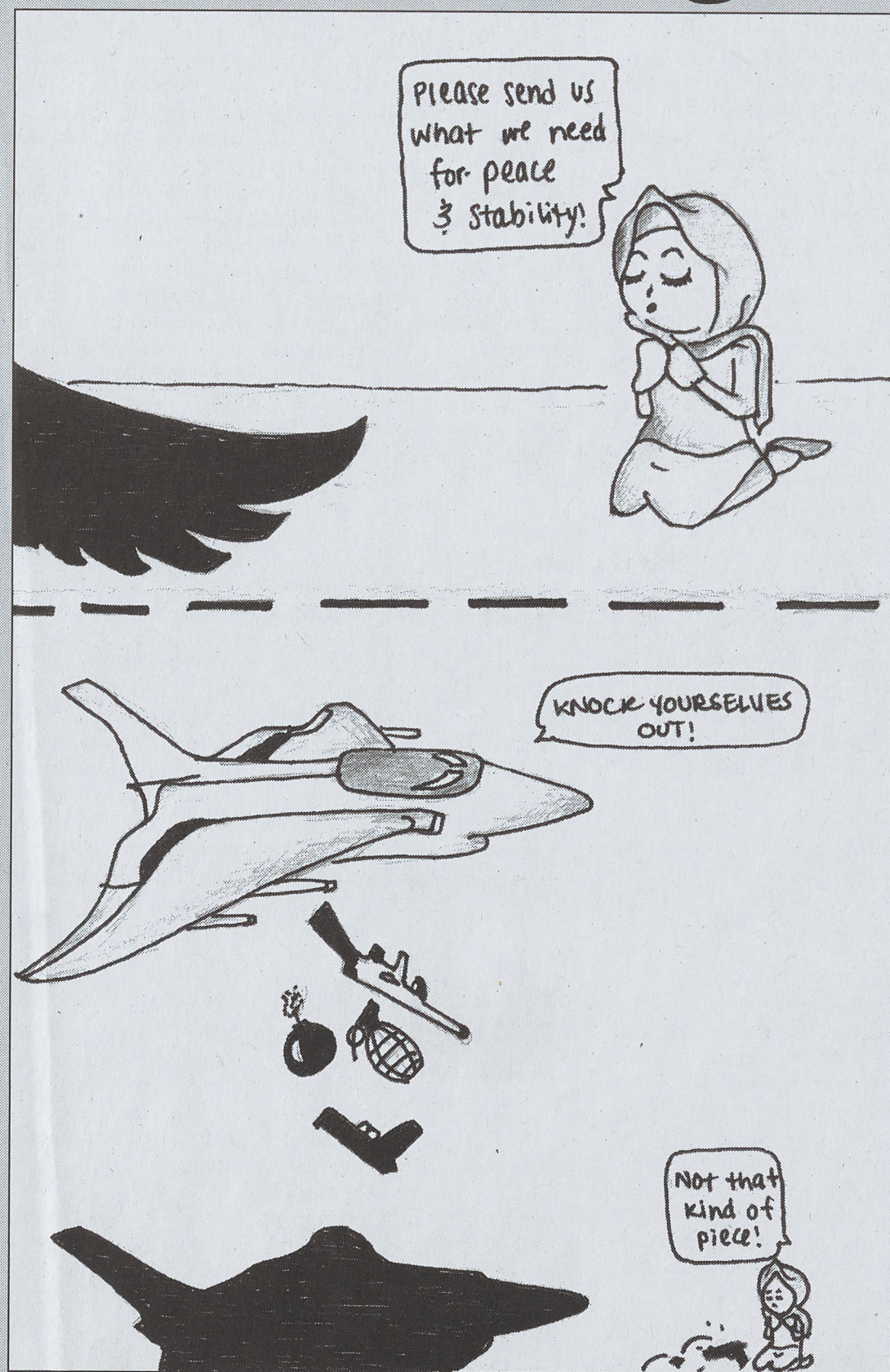
destroy the lives of the people near them. Were this to continue unabated one would be hard pressed to think of anything that might survive. This destruction of culture, along with the removal of familiar language, geography and social constructs can be devastating for people who have already lost most if not all of their worldly possessions.

Despite the potential downsides, most countries are responding with aid and promises or shelter for refugees. Offering homes and basic supplies, many European countries seem prepared to do whatever necessary to help the refugees within their power.

But is this truly a long term solution? As Guterres mentioned, "It is terrifying that on the one hand there is more and more impunity for those starting conflicts, and on the other there is seeming utter inability of the international community to work together to stop wars and build and preserve peace."

While the Middle East certainly has a reputation for violence and turmoil, there is nothing wrong with the land. There is nothing wrong with the people. The only issue are the militants that have over run the country. What if instead of supporting the dissemination of the Syrian people across the earth, we instead provided a path which allowed for the survival of the Syrian people? If we truly manage to rescue 12 million people, half of the population of the country, what does that mean for Syria? Do we leave it to the dogs? Do we forget the

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... OR MAYBE THAT'S JUST A TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE IDEA - Sending untrained families back into the killing zone they just fled with a bunch of guns might also not solve the problem.



## SPORTS

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## WOMEN'S SOCCER

## Chemistry setting for Monarchs

■ Valley catalyzing after a slow start.

By KEVIN BUCKLES JR.  
SPORTS EDITOR

Last fall, the Lady Monarchs concluded the season a sovereign bunch, reigning as the best team in program history. Records were broken, standards were set, and expectations rose for the ladies in green — the goal now being to clinch a postseason birth for the first time.

Valley learned firsthand last season how difficult earning a playoff spot can be as the state ranks community college teams by an elaborate power ranking system, which weighs each team's strength of schedule; the Lady Monarchs finished ranked 41st in the state and 25th in the region despite winning more games than 15 teams ranked ahead of them in the state. That in turn, places a premium on non-conference opponents, just as much as inter-conference foes.

To start this season however, Valley looked rusty and out of sync, losing their first two games by a combined 5-0 score to Moorpark College and Pierce College — two non-conference teams.

"Those non-conference games are so important,"

Head Coach Greg Venger told The Valley Star at the end of last season. "I think that these girls might have taken them a little bit for granted. The Pierce [College] and the Santa Barbara [College], those two in particular are such big games, that we did not realize how important those games were for the power point systems. Because essentially victories against West LA [West Los Angeles College] and Glendale [Community College] do not mean anything, so since we have four conference games that do not matter, we have to take care of non-conference games."

Most of the early incohesive play can be attributed to a large influx of freshman, coupled with an exodus of experienced sophomores. Among those lost was the team's leading point scorer Adriana Calderon, stand-out goalkeeper Athena Del Rosario, and defender Amy Van Leeuwen — the latter two were named 2nd Team Western Conference Selections, and Del Rosario, 1st team.

Following the team's Sept. 4 loss to Pierce, Venger acknowledged that his team's struggles as a



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**BREAKING THROUGH THE BARRIER** - Sophomore midfielder Riley Laser tracks down a loose ball in front of the Pierce College Brahmas' last line of defense in their home-opening 4-0 loss on Sept. 4, at Monarch Stadium.

new group playing together.

"I don't think we've connected more than five passes in a sequence yet," said Venger. "We are trying to play a possession game but we end up defending for 80 to 85 percent of the game; that just can't happen."

He added: "They work hard, it's just to this point [they just] haven't clicked. There's not a panic button being pushed, it's only been

two games. Hopefully the upcoming road trip to San Diego will help bring them together and gel on the field."

That it did. As shaky as the Lady Monarchs looked in their first two games, they looked every bit as the playoff contender that they're striving to be in the last two matchups; thanks to a Mimi Ramirez goal in the 90th minute, Valley

broke a 1-1 tie to defeat San Diego Mesa, 2-1, on Sept. 10 and crushed Cuyamaca College two days later, 6-1.

Now, following the successful road trip and bye week, Valley will receive a true test of where team stands among the ranks when they return home Friday, Sept. 18 to take on 4-0 Chaffey College — who are outscoring opponents on the road 9-1 this season.

Nevertheless Coach Venger is confident in his team's ability despite so many new faces.

"I thought we lost a lot of talent, but at the same time I think we did a great job recruiting and bringing in a lot of talent," said Venger. "I think this is our most talented team to date, we just have to come together and play now."



DUSTIN CHIARA / VALLEY STAR

**FOOTLOOSE** - Freshman Jocelyn Hernandez weaves her way through the teeth of Pierce's defense.

## 'Zucker'

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the information being "personnel related."

Endrijonas said administration was made aware of the honor-society issue at the end of the spring semester, but said it took two months to place Zucker

on leave as information was gathered.

"There's fact-finding that you have to do, so there was obviously fact-finding and [Aug. 12] seemed like the appropriate timing for the administrative leave."

Endrijonas declined to comment on what facts were found that contributed to Zucker being placed on

leave, but did mention that it might have been expedited had he not been vacationing during much of July.

Zucker was a professor at Valley for decades, along with being an advisor for both PTK and TAE (Tau Alpha Epsilon) on campus up until fall 2014. He has not yet responded to Valley Star requests for comment.

who wanted to save Syria, to do just that? There are patriots in every country, people that live and die for their homeland. We could take the same money that would be diverted to shelter, food, and medical care in the countries accepting refugees and instead form an international coalition

to support the Syrian people in their fight for their homeland. This might even prevent the destruction of a country with nearly 10,000 years of history.

Sometimes you either have to die on your feet or live on your knees. It's time for Syria to decide which path they want to travel.

## 'Democrats'

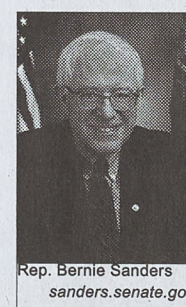
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Care Act's federal system, deciding instead to run its health-care system exclusively within the state. Like Chafee, O'Malley also supports the privatization of social security. During his two terms as governor, O'Malley also championed numerous tax increases, successfully implementing a temporary "Millionaires Tax" which supplied the state with revenue from their wealthiest residents after the 2008 recession, a strategy he intends to bring to the national level.

However, despite testifying numerous times on the state and national level, including before the Maryland General Assembly and the House Oversight Committee, in favor of putting Americans to work rebuilding the country's infrastructure, he was not successful at implementing this approach within his own state.

While his infrastructure policies did pass, they were unsuccessful, leaving the state with thousands more abandoned and uninhabitable properties. According to Washington Post columnist Robert McCartney, the higher-than-average poverty and unemployment rates in Baltimore cast some doubt onto O'Malley's website description as a champion of the "underserved and middle-class communities."

Self-identified "democratic socialist" Bernie

Rep. Bernie Sanders  
sanders.senate.gov

Sanders is a civil libertarian striving for free health-care and free education. He opposes free trade; that is, he promotes further regulation

of exporting and importing international goods with the intention of supporting the United States' domestic manufacturing base.

He is running with the intention of rebuilding the American middle class by not outsourcing more jobs, and relying less on exported goods. According to his website, Sanders intends to break up the big banks, invest heavily in infrastructure, better support and unionize workers, and move the nation dramatically toward green energy.

Public Policy Polling numbers show Sanders quickly gaining on front-runner Clinton, overtaking her in New Hampshire and Iowa polls. A Monmouth University survey revealed Sanders to be battleground state New Hampshire's favorite by 44 percent of those surveyed, seven points ahead of Clinton. YouGov/CBS News Battleground Tracker's polls show Sanders leading by 10 points in Iowa, with 43% support to Clinton's 33%.

The frontrunner's economic plan includes a tax credit called "Rising Incomes, Sharing Profits," designed to benefit companies that share their profits with their

Sen. Hillary Clinton  
state.gov

employees, and establishing an infrastructure bank, allotting public and private funds to finance a wide variety of projects.

Her stated core economic objective is building the middle class via her outspoken support for unions and intention to increase worker pay. While she has consistently voted in favor of free trade agreements as a senator, and publicly supported the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement under her husband's presidency, in 2005 she changed her view and voted against the similar Central American Free Trade Agreement, saying in 2007 to Bloomberg News that she still supports free trade but would support a freeze on new trade agreements.

Concerns for progressives linger around her affiliation with Wall Street, and many details of her economic proposal remain vague — for example how she expects to pay for the \$10-20 billion her tax credit proposal is expected to cost over the next 10 years.

While the candidates' approaches vary around the edges, they noticeably differ from the fairly consistently campaigns of their Republican opponents, whose plans will be discussed in the next issue of the Valley Star.

## 'Refugees'

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people there, unable to get out?

What if instead of helping people run, we helped them fight? What if we set up a way for people

## Late-start classes begin

By KYLA HULETT  
COPY EDITOR

The late start classes for the Fall 2015 semester begin on Oct. 19. Classes are now available for

students to sign up if they need another course. There are a plethora of departments that are offering various subjects. Included are seven hybrid,

and 26 online classes. For more information and a full list of courses, please visit: <http://www.lavc.edu/schedule/library/docs/Fall-15-Oct-19-Late-Start.aspx>



## FALL VALLEY COLLEGE ARTS PREVIEW

## “Cripples,” patsies, dances and D-Day

■ Valley’s arts departments have a rich and varied season in store for Monarchs.

By JAZMINE SANCHEZ  
STAFF WRITER

This fall, Valley College’s theater, dance, and art departments will be bringing Monarchs iconic moments of history, reasons to get up and dance, ambitious “Cripples” and nothing less than the entire span of human life - to the grave and beyond.

The Theatre Department kicks off the semester with “The Cripple of Inishmaan” by Oscar winner Martin McDonagh which will be directed by professor Cathy Susan Pyles.

“Inishmaan” is a dark comedy in which a Hollywood film crew is about to document the life of the Aran Islands in which we learn that it takes a whole village to tell the story.

Performances will be Oct. 22-25 at 8pm with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2pm in the Horseshoe Theater.

In December, the Theater Department will present “Ring Round the Moon,” Christopher Fry’s English-language adap-

tation of Jean Anouilh’s “L’Invitation au Château.” This was a last-minute replacement for Thornton Wilder’s “Our Town,” which had casting issues.

Director Christopher Coddington described “Ring” as “A very charming modern Cinderella story” in which Valley student Vincent Smith will play the dual role of twins with very different personalities.

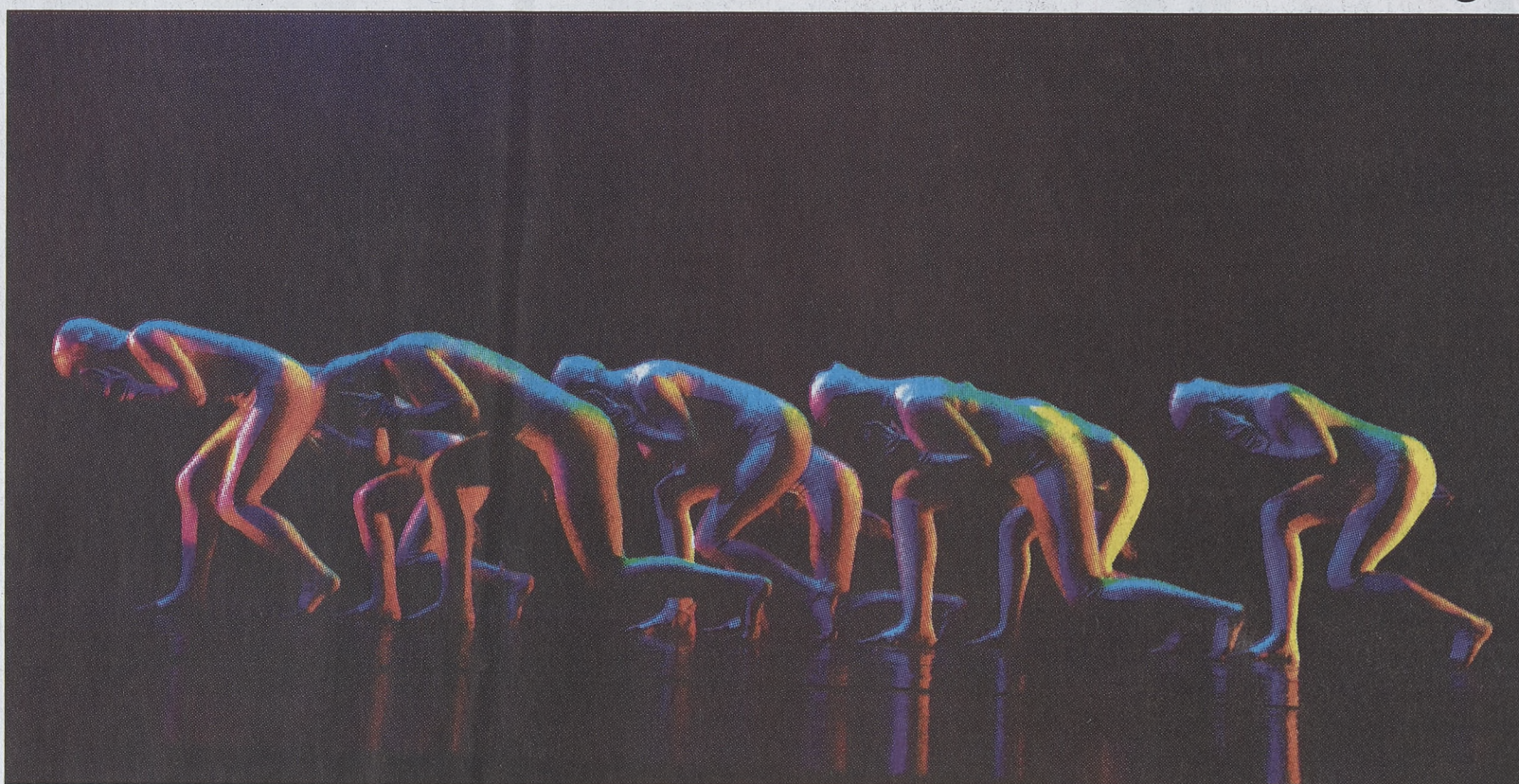
“Ring Round the Moon” runs Dec. 3-6 at 7:30 p.m. with 2p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets for both plays can be purchased through brownpapertickets.com.

The Dance Department will be presenting a faculty-choreographed and student-performed show and as well a repeat of its successful “Dance Day” (dates for both to be announced).

For Dance Day, special guests teach open classes to raise money for the department.

Classes will be charged a certain amount of money where it will all go to the dance department for future dance shows. To find out more, visit the Los Angeles



SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE - Monarchs test their buoyancy in last spring’s show, “Making Waves.” There’s more to come this fall, including iconic moments in photojournalism and two world-renowned pieces of theatre.

Valley College Dance Program Facebook page.

Among the Art Department’s exhibitions this semester will be “Iconic (Capturing History),” Oct. 15-Dec. 17, with an opening reception on Thursday, Oct. 15 from 6-9 pm.

“This is a group show

focusing on photojournalism,” Art Gallery Director Sam Lee says. “The show will feature iconic photographs that captured history.”

Established photographers include Sebastiao Salgado, Robert Capa, Cornell Capa, Elliott

Erwitt, Steve McCurry, Marc Riboud, Dan Budnik, Eddie Adams, Nick Ut, Mary Ellen Mark, James Nachtwey, John Filo, Robert Jackson, Ernest Withers, Jacques Lowe, Boris Yaro, Steve Schapiro, and others.

Among the famous moments displayed will be

the invasion of Normandy Beach (photographed by Capa) and the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald shortly after his famous declaration, “I’m just a patsy” (captured by Jackson).

For more information contact Professor Lee at leesb@lavc.edu.

## ASTRONOMY CLUB PLANETARIUM SHOW

## Sky? Fall.

■ My gosh, it’s full of stars.



ALVIN CUADRA / VALLEY STAR

WHERE THE MAGIC HAPPENS: The Valley College Planetarium makes us see stars.

By BRYAN STRANAHAN  
CONTRIBUTOR TO THE STAR

The Valley College Astronomy Group kicked off the fall 2015 season with a completely sold-out planetarium show, “The Fall Sky.”

A line of people completely filled the foyer and swept out the door of The Planetarium. By 7:45pm, Astronomy Club volunteers had to turn away some individuals (this writer was a volunteer at the presentation). Professor David Falk began the show promptly at 8pm, describing current events in astronomy.

On Sept. 27 there will be a rare total lunar eclipse starting just after 7pm and ending just before 10pm. “You can see the beginning, go get a cup of coffee, come back, and it will still be happening,” said Falk.

The New Horizons Pluto flyby on July 14 was also discussed. NASA has selected a small cold object in the Kuiper Belt as the space probe’s next destination. Falk asked, “How many people think that Polaris, the North Star, is the brightest star in the sky?” Those who raised their hands were surprised to learn that our north star is the 50th brightest star in the night sky.

Falk then went on to give a tour of the other fall constellations, including Perseus, Cassiopeia, and Cepheus. The mythologies behind these constellations was the main topic. A humorous video explained how some of the fall constellations got their names. Cepheus, who was the king of Ethiopia, was married to the gorgeous Cassiopeia. Together they had a daughter

named Andromeda. Perseus, the hero, beheaded the snake-haired Medusa to save the princess Andromeda from a sea monster. A few drops of Medusa’s blood fell into the sea, mixed with the foam, and gave birth to Pegasus, the flying horse, who later played a part in the story of another hero. Perseus is located near Andromeda and her parents, Cepheus and Cassiopeia, in the northern fall sky.

At the end of the show, the audience checked their tickets as Falk announced the winning number for the astronomy poster raffle. The crowd applauded as the winner claimed her poster. Among the last to leave were a mother and daughter who approached Falk and thanked him. Smiles were seen on their faces as they walked out.

## FALL MOVIE PREVIEW - BLOCKBUSTERS

## Games, James &amp; Mazes

■ Summer’s over. But who says there aren’t any more big movies?

By CONNIE GERAGHTY  
STAFF WRITER

Now that the summer season of superheroes and remakes is over, this fall promises to bring about new editions and conclusions to some of your favorite franchises.

There are a few blockbuster films coming out this season but none are set to be bigger than the latest installment of the James Bond franchise, “Spectre.” With Daniel Craig back as Agent 007 for the fourth time, anticipation is running high for the follow up to 2012’s billion-dollar-grossing, award-winning “Skyfall.”

This film’s new villain is Franz Oberhauser played by the impeccable Christoph Waltz who, just like everyone else who worked on this film, is keeping tight-lipped on the details of his character and just what kind of havoc he’ll be imposing. Oberhauser

does admit in the trailer, “It was me, James, the author of all of your pain.” Ooh, psych! Expect fancy cars, explosions, lots of near misses and a healthy dose of classy espionage when “Spectre” hits theaters Nov. 6.

“Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials” is the second film based on James Dashner’s post-apocalyptic young-adult series “The Maze Runner.” Thomas (Dylan O’Brien) and the rest of the Galders who narrowly escaped the maze in the first one are running around, searching for answers.

While they think they’ve eluded the rest of WCKD’s tests, they quickly find out that nothing is that simple in a world where the flare, a brain deteriorating virus, thrives. Thomas and his friends must navigate through the dangers lurking outside the maze walls, forced to survive in the Scorch, a barren desert

overrun with “cranks” (victims who’ve lost all their humanity to the flare). “Maze Runner: Scorch Trials” opens Sept. 18.

“The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2” brings the conclusion to Katniss Everdeen’s (Jennifer Lawrence) rebellion against the corrupt capitol of Panem. At the end of “Mockingjay Part 1,” we saw Katniss as she’s never been before, ready to wage a full-out war against President Snow (Donald Sutherland) and put innocent lives in danger if it means freedom. With a semi-brainwashed Peeta (Josh Hutcherson) back at her side, there is nothing holding her back from that final confrontation with the man who led her world to ruin.

On Nov. 20, millions of film fans and book readers (armed with tissues) will flock to the theaters to witness the revolution’s final battle.



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